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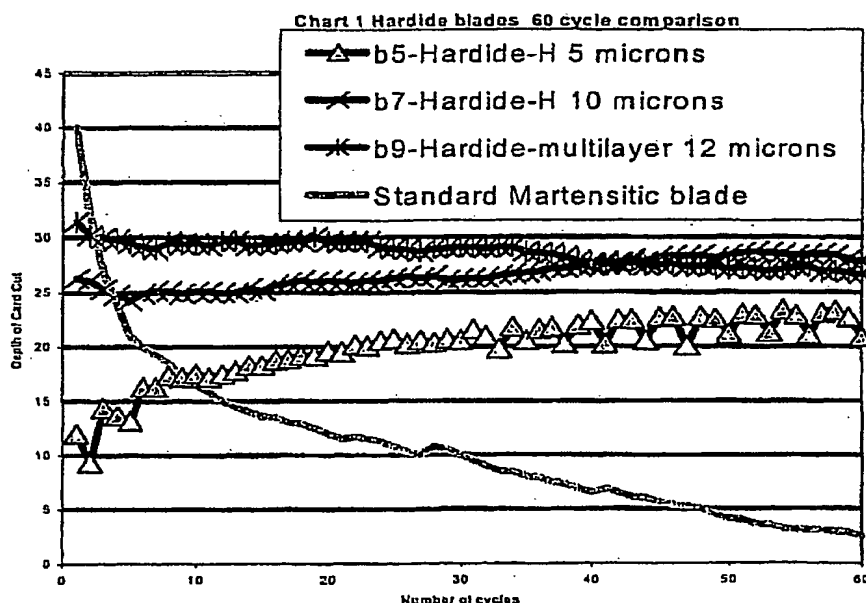
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(54) Title: SELF-SHARPENING CUTTING TOOL WITH HARD COATING



(57) Abstract: There is disclosed a cutting tool having a blade coated on one side with a hard coating having a laminar or layered microstructure. The coating tends to wear evenly and smoothly, thereby keeping a cutting edge of the cutting tool smooth. Furthermore, by coating the cutting edge on one side only, the cutting edge becomes self-sharpening. The coating preferably includes at least one layer made of tungsten carbides substantially or entirely free of metallic tungsten.

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